## PATENT APPLICATION

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AND CONSUMER AND METHOD USING THE SYSTEM

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- 1. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 9-134389, published May 20, 1997 with English Abstract.
- 2. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 11-85784, published March 30, 1999 with English Abstract.
- 3. Japanese Laid-Open Patent Gazette No. 11-120238, published April 30, 1999 with English Abstract.



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